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## To the People of Chickasaw County:

I have been asked a number of times why I do not serve as Attorney for the Board of Supervisors. I would like to make this explanation to this question. On December 30th, 1911, just three days before I went into office and before the present Board went in, I filed and had set down on the Board Docket the following petition:

"To The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County:

"Whereas I was duly elected County Prosecuting Attorney of Chickasaw County at the last regular election, and whereas the law creating the office of county prosecuting attorney recommends that he be the attorney for the Board of Supervisors of his county and prohibits him from taking any litigation against the State or County and specifically makes it his duty to represent the State and County in such suits; because his interests in his other duties are in direct line with the work of the Board interest of the county, I respectfully petition this Honorable Board of Supervisors to make it a part of my duty to attend said Board and be their regular attorney in addition to the other regular duties of the County Prosecuting Attorney of Chickasaw County and to combine the salary of the attorney for the Board with that of the County Prosecuting Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
JEFF BUSBY.

On the back of this note is the following: "No. 575. Jeff Busby. Retention. Filed Dec. 30th, 1911. H. E. Brannon, Clerk." "Dismissed." I would be glad to show you the original petition.

You will notice that I mentioned no amount for the Board has absolute control over the salary of the County Attorney anywhere between \$800.00 and \$2000.00 a year, but I do ask them to combine the salary and make one salary cover everything and to pay nothing extra for the Board work.

On a vote to select the Attorney for the Board the vote stood two for me and two for hiring Mr. Harrington at \$300.00 and the President of the Board cast his vote to hire Mr. Harrington. This was no fault of mine; I did all I could to get them to use me and save this money for the taxpayers.

The people kept asking me why the Board was spending this \$300.00 a year for an attorney, and I told them I could not tell, that it was the easiest and simplest part of my work. I went before the Board again the first part of this year and told them that the people were asking that I do the work and save the money that was being paid to the Board Attorney; I told the Board that I was ready, willing and wanted to do this work, and that without a cent additional pay, for I felt that it was a part of my work and my duty to do it, and urged them to use me and save this \$300.00 a year they were paying out, but for some reason they continued as they had been before.

The members of the Board are the only persons who can say who the attorney for the Board will be, they have absolute control over this and no one else does.

I understand that Mr. J. E. Harrington is promising that if you elect him County Attorney that he will do the work for the Board and save this \$300.00 he is now getting. If he should be elected he would have no more control over who the attorney for the Board would be than I did when I petitioned them to use me. The Board to be elected is the only person who

who will be able to determine that. He might offer them his services, but that doesn't mean that they would be accepted. I did that but to no avail, and if elected County Attorney I will do my best to get the new Board to use me and believe they will.

Probably he doesn't tell you that I have offered to serve the Board. I have no kick coming but I want to be clearly understood. I have worked hard and organized the work all over the County and it has saved hundreds and hundreds of dollars. I trust you will pardon this explanation, but I felt that it was just and fair for you to know it. With kindest regards, I am  
JEFF BUSBY,  
County Attorney.

## Statement of the Financial Condition of Chickasaw County Bank

located at Houston in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business May 1st, 1915, made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$74,539.02
Overdrafts, secured	211.48
Overdrafts, unsecured	None
Guaranty Fund with State Treasurer	500.00
Banking house and lot	5,114.77
Other real estate owned	500.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,885.23
Due from other banks	\$9,829.93
Exchange and checks for next day's clearings	2,453.27
Paper currency	3,175.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cts.	103.75
Gold coin	160.00
Silver coin	3,135.00
County warrants	5,575.75
	2,610.38
Total	\$136,218.33

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$41,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	4,048.87
Individual deposits, including saving deposits	64,471.68
Time certificates of deposits	6,697.78
Total	\$116,218.33

I, L. T. Fox, cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Chickasaw County Bank, located at Houston, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest.

L. T. Fox, Cashier  
D. E. Shell,  
J. P. Tabb,  
Directors.

State of Mississippi, County of Chickasaw.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me by L. T. Fox, this 11th day of May 1915.  
H. E. Brannon, Chancery Clerk.  
My commission expires Jan. 1, 1915.

## Special Notice.

The boys in the printing office are very careful to mail out all copies of The Hummer and why, some do not reach the subscribers we just cannot tell. Several copies, although, have been traced to children coming home from school and taking their copy. While going home they lose it and we get the blame. Other times it has been traced to some who took the paper out of their neighbor's R. F. D. box and just forgot to put it back. We are trying hard to send every copy. We would not hold one back intentionally for the whole subscription.

## Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Mississippi,  
Chickasaw County.  
To William Davis, Defendant,  
Whose post office address is unknown:

You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the First District of Chickasaw County in the said State, on the 4th Monday in May A. D. 1915, to defend the suit in said County of Ella Davis, wherein you are Defendant.

Witness my hand as Clerk, with the seal of said Court hereto affixed, this 27th day of April A. D. 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Clerk.  
by J. C. Williams, D. C.

## A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF PROGRESSIVENESS.

### "Old Chickasaw" Stirred to its Depths by the "On To Frisco Spirit."

The wide-awake and progressive newspapers of "Old Chickasaw" co-operating with the Panama Excursion Company of Mississippi and the live-wire merchants who believe in showing their appreciation for the past business favors accorded them by the buying public entered the "On To Frisco" movement with enthusiasm.

The Panama Excursion Company of Mississippi has been advised to make public that The Hummer and Okolona Messenger, will defray all expenses of the young lady elected by popular ballot in the "On To Frisco movement to her starting point in Jackson, Mississippi.

This is one of the grandest trips ever planned and an honor that will long be remembered by the successful young lady.

The "On To Frisco" movement is conducted in a highly dignified manner, and every merchant and newspaper is a highly honored contest of "Old Chickasaw" and any semblance of criticism or unfairness will under no circumstances prevail.

Ballot boxes will be found in each store, tightly sealed and if the seal is broken when the final count is made such ballot box will be thrown out.

No votes will be counted until the "On To Frisco" movement closes—date announced later.

Each merchant will have a big supply of votes and will gladly give them to you, as they are the buying public's property and they want you to have them.

All communications of whatever nature will be treated confidentially and no hesitation should be made to communicate with us at anytime.

Every assistance in our power is at your command, Remember The Hummer of Houston and the Okolona Messenger of Okolona, pay you expenses to Jackson, Miss., the starting point.

The Panama Excursion Company of Mississippi.  
Lexington, Mississippi.

## THIS COUPON IS GOOD FOR TEN VOTES

FOR

IN THE ON TO FRISCO TRIP CONTEST.

Vote as many as you can secure from The Hummer readers. Chickasaw County Contest Only. These Coupons are not for sale.

## Back Taxes on Cotton.

The office of Revenue agent has been very prolific of revenue, in times past, and we suppose that it will continue to be so long as it is run upon the present commission basis, as soon as one source of revenue and commissions is exhausted another is discovered, under the commission inspiration and stimulus. This activity on the part of this official, has accomplished much good, but none can doubt that it has also entailed serious hardship and injustice upon innocent heirs and assigns, which some way should be found to remedy.

But the latest adventure in that rich field of commissions should be discouraged and if possible, prevented. We have reference to the recent undertaking of the Revenue Agent to collect taxes upon all cotton held in transit, by merchants and buyers, on the first of February during the past six years. As everybody knows that cotton is simply on its way to market; ninety per cent of it would probably be at its destination within sixty days; and no wise government is going to tax the fruits of its soil on the way to market. There is as much reason to tax cotton in transit on the first of October, November, December or any other month as to tax that held by buyers or farmers' agents on the first of February, and the State should not be a party to such gross inequity.

If such a course is pursued, it will work a great hardship to the farmer, particularly. Half the cotton held in warehouses on the first of February this year, was pledged for loans, and being held for higher prices, which were subsequently realized. Does not every one know that the borrower upon this cotton would have that tax to pay, if he did not get rid of it before the date named? And dread of the tax would have induced its shipment in very many instances, entailing a loss this year of ten dollars for every bale thus sold under the State's tax screw.

The whole proposition is unjust and inequitable, whatever may be its legal merits, and a remedy for it should somewhere be found.—The Issue.

## To The Public.

I have opened an office in Tupelo over the drug store of Pound-Kin-cannon & Elkin. I am there in my office on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of every week in the practice of my profession of Osteopathy and electric treatment.

S. T. Riley, D. O.

P. S. I am a graduate and registered Osteopath. Save the time and the place as you may need my services later.

Highest market prices paid for Hides, Beeswax, Tallow wool and all other Produce.

D. L. Andrews.

## HONOR ROLL HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL

### PROMER:

Eugene Hubbard, Emmitt Wren  
Couley Sanders, Ada Conner Fox

### FIRST GRADE:

Olen Anstin, Elizabeth Huddleston,  
W. D. Fondren, Grace McWhorter,  
J. C. Fondren, Maggie Tate Thomas,  
Elliott McWhorter, Regina Williams,  
Edward Rodabough, Gladys Williams,  
Lon Harley Smith, Maggie Morgan,  
Evans Seay, Vera Ware, Fred  
Surgent, Jim Hugh Tabb, Louis  
Morgan, Allen Ware, Wallace Mar-  
shall, Gladys Baird, Otis Dorrough,  
Helen Farmer, Grace Guest, Annie  
Belle Gray, Linnie A. Pearson,  
Martha Rose Shearer, Pascal Ware,  
Wilbur Davis, Oral Guest, John,  
Noel and Gibson Prichard, Harry  
Stacy, Louis Thacker.

### SECOND GRADE:

Josie Boyd, James O'Byrne, Nettie  
May Brown, Reubin Davis, Tessie  
Davis, Cedric Dendy, Mabel Davis,  
Walter Jack, Virginia Farr, Ruth  
Farmer, Catherine Fordyce, Gladys  
Guest, Olivia Knox, Anita McWhor-  
ter, Weiler May Pitts, Erma Rhodes,  
Bertha May Ruff, Louise Walker,  
Alleene Wooten, Jamie Jacobs,  
Charles Rodabough, Robert Thomp-  
son, George Warner, Ralph Ward,  
Floyd Ware.

### THIRD GRADE:

Esther Ramsey, Howard Brown,  
J. P. Johnson, Roy Rhodes, Edward  
Shearer, Elzy Thaker, Mary Austin,  
Mary Berry, Jimmie Byars, Bessie  
May Clements, Gladys Crump,  
Katherine Goza, Mary Kyle, Ruth  
Kyle, Eree Marion, Jimmie Neal,  
Christine Johnson.

### FOURTH GRADE:

Sybil Wilkinson, Boyce Thornton,  
Goza Boring, Hubert Cox, Edward  
Farr, Paul Wren, Irene Beasley,  
Sara Bowles, Irena Craig, Gertrude  
Riley, Naomi Ward, George Berry,  
Louise Boyd, Elizabeth Davis,  
Herman Farmer, Hobert Jones,  
Claud Wren, Lounettie Warner,  
Robert Waldrop.

### FIFTH GRADE:

Ethel Byars, Gladys Boyd,  
Elizabeth Davis, Miriam Davis,  
Ruby Davis, Maudine Ford, Thomp-  
son Gray, Argil Holloman, Elah  
Jones, Mamie Lee Kyle, Elizabeth  
Marion, Mahlon Pope, Leisel Rice,  
Elizabeth Tabb, Mary Annie Tindall,  
Clara Wilson, Nannie Kate Ward,  
Alleene Wheeler, Willie Davis.

### SIXTH GRADE:

Annie Lois Baird, Eulah Farmer,  
Ruth Garrett, Annie Gordon, Mary  
Lewis, Mary Ramsey, Ruth Thacker,  
Catherine Shell, Mary Belle Smith,  
Mary Thornton, Linda Davis, Charles  
Berry, Augustus Evans, Paden Ford,  
Willie Joe Johnson, Sam B. Reid,  
Featherston Tabb, Hubbard Wooten,  
George Cox, Harper Davis.

### SEVENTH GRADE:

Alleene Atkinson, Carl Reid, Lula  
Kate Ashby, Demitt Smith, Joe Ben  
Smith, Obera Davis, Vera Verner,  
Allen Elliott, Joe Farr, Lee Alta  
Ford, Annie Hill, Sidney Johnson,  
Nancy Kyle, Fannie Kellum, Nina  
Mae Marion, Hazel Newby Vorder  
Newby, William Powers.

### EIGHTH GRADE:

Annie Pearl Beasley, Joseph Craw-  
ford, Curtis Davis, Geoffrey Dendy,  
Alberta Farr, Laura Harrington,  
Gertha Kellum, Pauline Marion,  
Hesba Reid, Mary Scott, Cora Lee  
Smith.

### NINTH GRADE:

Edwin Bowles, Clarence Boyd,  
Aubrey Crawford, James Dulaney,  
Queenie Griffin, Mattie May John-  
son, Mattie Kyle, Maria Powers,  
Byars Shearer, Rufus Stacy, Annie  
Waldrop, Hattie Thacker.

### TENTH GRADE:

Tassie Cook, Ruby Lee Ford, Bryan  
Smith, Gladys Wilkinson, May  
Lorene Ford.

## Supervisors Proceed- ings for April Term

The Board met at their regular session in the courthouse, all mem- bers being present—D. D. Dendy elected president of Board.

Ordered that the official bond of R. M. Paden, as member of the board, be and same is hereby ap- proved.

The board appointed T. J. Keeney, L. A. Davis and A. C. Houston as Commissioners for Drainage Dist. Number One.

### ALLOWANCES.

W. E. Knox, 3 mules and har- ness for same	500.00
J. B. Pate, erroneous tax	3.00
J. J. Thomas, conveying 2 con- victs to camp	3.25
J. J. Thomas, 1 mul-	175.00
Amount allowed sheriff and deputies for 2nd week Cir- cuit court	598.00
J. L. McKnight, road work	4.35
J. L. Holliday, road work	66.87
W. D. Howard, coal for court house	6.30
W. B. Freeman, 2 mules	450.00
E. J. Hall, extra work	18.00
Geo. Peel, J. P. cost	3.20
M. A. Johnson, cost	4.05
C. C. Jolly, cost	3.40
Cresop Bros, gravel	224.17
Will Clark, vat	2.00
Earl McKnight, road work	4.50
J. E. Johnson, use of dogs	10.00
W. R. Boyd carrying dogs	7.50
Cliff Bishop, sharpening saws	1.00
W. H. Andrews, lumber	3.25
B. McCormie, Pike work	15.00
Egypt Hwd Lumber Co, lum.	23.28
S. M. Hall, mdse	.50
H. L. Harrington, feeding pris.	13.20
T. C. Morgan, salary	51.00
Pratt Hall, salary	50.00
J. M. Wiggs, cooking	12.50
Joe L. Davis, cost	30.00
Okolona Hwd Co, mdse	28.56
Joe L. Davis, per diem	6.00
H. B. Lacey "	6.00
H. L. Harrington, cost	40.00
Adams & Newby, mdse	13.50
Marion Gann, lumber	7.20
M. D. Howard, feed	249.75
H. L. Harrington, cost	50.00
S. C. Toof & Co, mdse	47.54
H. L. Harrington, cost	14.00
D. D. Tabb, mdse	10.50
M. & F. Bank, rent of house	10.00
M. D. Howard, oats	24.00
H. L. Harrington, postage	6.00
" lunacy case	22.25
Chickasaw Dry Goods Co, mdse	4.00
W. A. Harrington & Co, mdse	129.29
J. W. Howard & Son, mdse	4.79
Houlika Hwd & Furn Co, mdse	153.98
F. M. Harris, 2 pigs	6.00
H. L. Harrington, cost	4.00
J. J. Byars, road work	7.00
H. T. Hollingsworth, tick in	65.00
J. S. Gordon, tick ins pector	42.50
J. M. Gann, tick inspector	10.00
Joe C. Davis, cost	75.00
R. E. Dendy, corn	4.00
O. E. Baird & Bro., blacksmith- ing	3.50
Cash Grocery Co, mdse	6.50
W. C. McDougal, stenograph	50.00
A. J. Harrington, mdse	11.15
Harrill & Shields, lumber	13.00
Geo. D. Barnard & Co, mdse	75.00
M. T. Springer, salary	94.51
Len Faulkner, salary	30.00
Geo. D. Riley, salary	100.00
" postage	3.75
Tabb Bros, mdse	113.37
Messenger, blank	11.80
S. C. Jones, mdse	98.00
Cash Gro Co, mdse	20.90
J. E. Reeder, mdse	5.30
H. L. Harrington, extra services	6.00
Evans McAbee road work	11.30
Cliff Bishop, road work	25.15
W. N. Carter, salary	60.00
H. B. Lacey, J. P. cost	61.50
H. Franks, poll tax refund	2.00
J. W. Harrington, vat	10.00
J. E. Atkinson, bridge	10.00
The Hummer, blanks, etc.	76.22
Mrs. Scott Savely, milk	6.50

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